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Police charge suspects in two carjackings and a robbery *Detectives investigating possible links to a total of four cases*

Howard County police are charging two men with committing a carjacking in Columbia last week. One of the men is also being charged in an additional carjacking. The other is being charged in an additional robbery incident. Detectives believe the suspects may be involved in a total of four recent similar cases in Columbia.

ARRESTED: Ledell Padmore, 38, of Green Meadow Dr. in Columbia
CASES: Carjacking, Cedar Lane, Oct. 6 (with Pugh)
Robbery, Little Patuxent Parkway, Oct. 9

ARRESTED: Taylor James Pugh, 25, Green Meadow Dr. in Columbia (neighboring apartment)
CASES: Carjacking, Cedar Lane, Oct. 6 (with Padmore)
Carjacking, Blue February Way, Oct. 11

OCT. 6: Police responded to a call overnight Oct. 6 from a woman who reported she had been carjacked and abducted on Cedar Lane around 11:20 p.m., driven around for two hours, and dropped off back in Columbia. The victim reported that the suspects used her ATM card to withdraw money. Through investigation, police arrested Ledell Padmore and Taylor James Pugh this afternoon. Both are charged with armed carjacking, kidnapping, armed robbery, assault, auto theft, theft and conspiracy

OCT. 9: Padmore also has been charged in a robbery that occurred around 5 a.m., on Oct. 9 in the 12200 block of Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. A woman was in her car when she was approached by two men who opened the car door, displayed a handgun, demanded her purse and fled. Investigators are working to determine whether Pugh was involved in this case, as well.

OCT. 11: Over the past weekend, there were two carjackings reported in Columbia. Just after midnight on Sunday, Oct. 11, a man was carjacked and abducted in the 10200 block of Hickory Ridge Road. Two suspects with a gun approached the man sitting in his car, forced him into the backseat, drove him around, stole cash and dropped him back off in Columbia. At 6:20 a.m., two suspects matching the same description committed the same act in the 11900 block of Blue February Way. A man was sitting in his car when he was approached by two suspects with a gun. They forced him into the back seat, withdrew money using his ATM card, drove him around for a period of time and dropped him off in Columbia. At this time, Pugh has been charged in the carjacking on Blue February Way.

Due to the similarities in the crimes and the suspect descriptions, police are investigating whether both Padmore and Pugh were involved in all four incidents. Additional information will be released if additional charges are filed.

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